

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP POLICE



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Mission and Value Statements

The Meridian Township Police Department is committed to establishing and maintaining partnerships in our community; and with understanding, cooperation and equality; we strive to enhance the quality of life and protect the rights of our community.

COMPASSION

We care for and empathize with our fellow human beings.

COURAGE

We face danger to ensure the safety of others. We will stand up for what is right. We will be brave when others may not. We strive to eliminate fear through our actions.

EXCELLENCE

We employ those who strive to achieve a higher standard. We listen to our employees and the members of our community to continually improve our effectiveness and reliability. We strive to exceed community and professional expectations.

FAIRNESS

We will treat all individuals impartially. We will act in a just manner. We appreciate different points of view. We exercise discretion appropriately.

INTEGRITY

We will fulfill our mission in its entirety using sound principles, honesty and sincerity.

RESOURCEFULNESS

We can be relied upon for help and support. We have the ability to deal with situations effectively. We build on our mutual experiences to effectively resolve problems.

RESPECT

We value the rights and beliefs of others. We are courteous. We treat others as we expect to be treated. We appreciate diversity.

WORK ETHIC

We are self-motivated and self-directed. We do what is asked and strive to achieve expectations. We hold ourselves to a higher standard.

PERSONNEL

CHIEF

Ken Plaga

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Brad Bach**

CAPTAIN

Richard Grillo

LIEUTENANT

Bart Crane

SERGEANTS

Andrew McCready	Brian Canen
Edward Besonen	Andrew Tobias
Chris Lofton	Mike Hagbom***
Jason Clements	Curt Squires

OFFICERS BY SENIORITY

Christina Scaccia	Blaine Anderson
Jeff Adams	Lorenzo Velasquez
Kyle Royston	Antonio Trevino
Rebecca Payne	Jaelyn Allen
Bryan LeRoy	Davie Reinke
Doug Strouse	Wes Talbot
Aaron McConaughy	Jordan Kuhn***
Dan King	Sierra Alvarado
Adam Slavick	Megan Heinemann
Ian Mandernack	Meghan Cole*
Kolby Casaday	Maggie Cole*
Lerico White***	Bryant Martin*
Megan Klein	Taya Catherwood*
Austin Dietz	

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Kristi Schaeding, Administrative Assistant	Jennifer Ramsey, Records Technician*
Lynne Bach, Records Supervisor**	Heidi LaFargue, Records Supervisor
Lori Hagan, Records Technician	Alycia Boik, Records Technician*

CADETS

Maryam Masood***
Maxwell Bland
Lucas Parker
Elicia Giachino

Natalie Tyndall
Baylie Kaiser
Sarah Hubbard*
Cassidy Forbes*

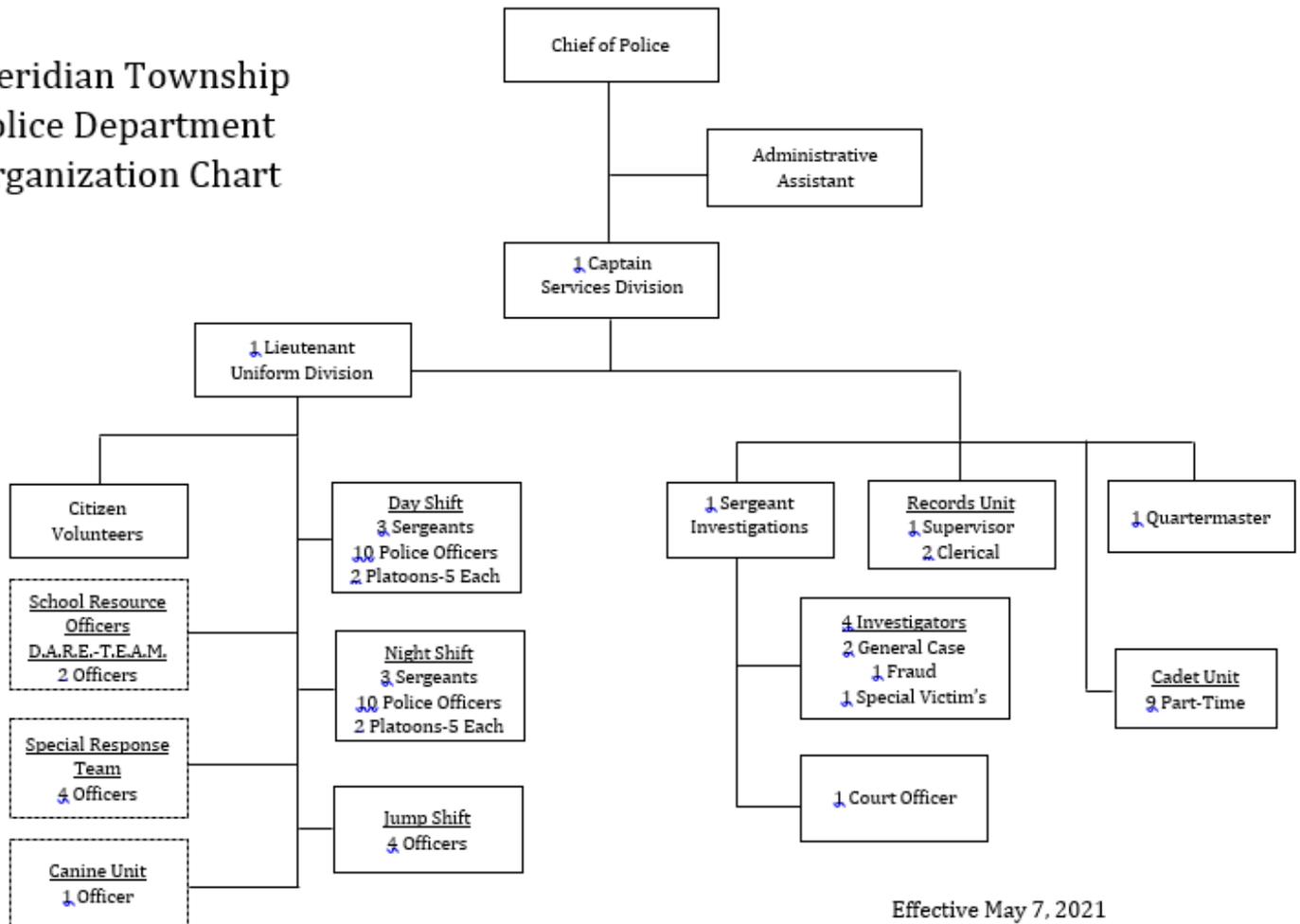
Sophia Canine* ***
Cody Vogt*

*Hired in 2021

**Retired in 2021

*** Resigned in 2021

Meridian Township Police Department Organization Chart



Effective May 7, 2021
Total Sworn = 41

ADMINISTRATION

The Chief of Police is the head of the Department. The two distinct divisions under the Chief of Police are the Services Division and the Uniform Division.

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division personnel includes a Lieutenant, 6 Sergeants, and 20 Officers. Within the division, there is the Road Patrol, Canine Unit and the School and Community Resource Unit. Road patrol personnel provide 24-hour patrol services to Meridian Township and Williamstown Township. Patrol officers are assigned to four platoons that work twelve-hour shifts with a sergeant on duty at all times.

In 2021, there were 17,211 calls for service (excluding traffic stops 3,646).

2021 Written Reports	
Alarms	545
Traffic Crashes	786
All Other	3,677
Total	5,008

Yearly Comparisons

Written Reports

2018	2019	2020	2021
6,801	6,421	4,963	5,008

Calls for Service

2018	2019	2020	2021
18,588	18,552	16,228	17,211

Arrests

2018	2019	2020	2021
577	563	402	554

Citations

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Citations Issued	1,922	2,096	1,517	1,711
Total # of Charges	2,379	2,857	1,888	2,279

2021 Calls for Service As Received From Dispatch

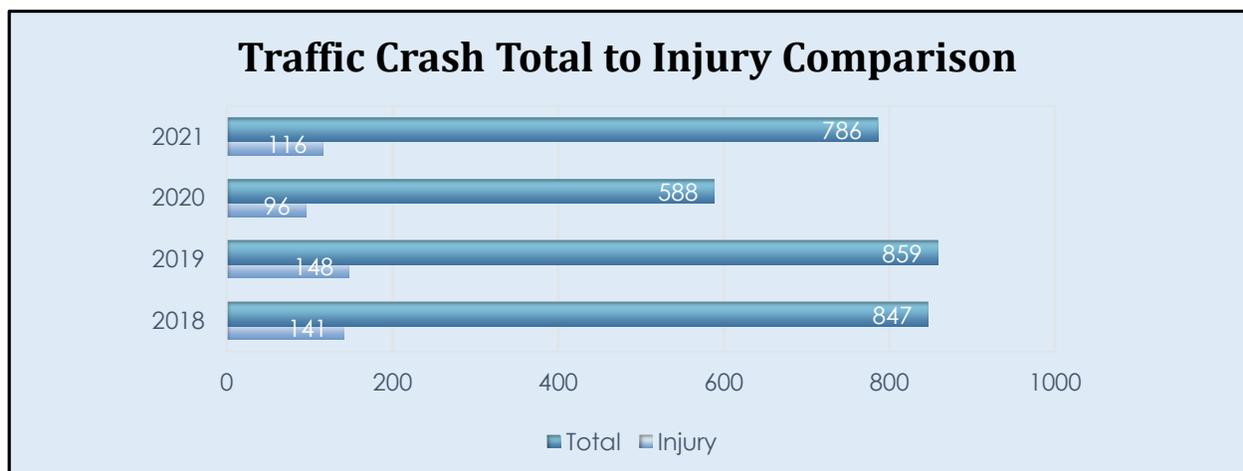
911 Hang Up	146	Noise	345
Abandoned Vehicle	59	Obscene	18
Accident Non-Traffic	2	Officer Initiated Warrant	50
Admin	519	Operating Under Influence of Drugs	47
Alarm	693	Ordinance Violation	15
Animal Call	162	Parking Complaint	124
Arson	2	Party Complaint	32
Assault	98	Police Assist	125
Attempt to Locate	114	Personal Injury Accident	103
Bar Check	4	Personal Protection Order	43
Bomb Threat	0	Peace Officer Complaint	34
Burglary	66	PININL - Accident with Entrapment	8
Chase-Pursuit	0	PBT - Preliminary Breath Test	0
Child Abuse/Neglect	63	Private Property Accident	48
Check ID	1	Pick up Property	119
Civil Disturbance	193	Property Damage Accident	716
Community Meeting	12	Prostitute	0
Crossing Guard	19	Prowler	8
Crowd Control	1	Person Requiring Treatment	34
Criminal Sexual Conduct	48	Runaway	68
Deliver Message	11	Reckless Driving	382
Disorderly Conduct	2	Repossession	28
DNR Violation	2	Retail Fraud	255
DOA	4	Robbery	7
Dog Complaint	201	School Check	32
Domestic Assault	107	Security Check	108
Drown in Moving Water	0	Shooting	1
Drugs	19	Shots Fired	79
Drunk	4	Special Assignment	105
Escort - Bank Escort	0	Stabbing	1
Fight	139	Stalking	33
Fire Assist	570	Subpoena Service	214
Fireworks Complaint	23	Subject Down	6
Follow-up	760	Suicide	29
Foot Patrol	7	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	1,186
Fraud	264	Text - Request Message	374
Governor's Orders	14	Threat	146
Harassment	159	Traffic Control	73
Hazzard - Road	331	Transport	47
Hit and Run	138	Trash / Littering Complaint	17
Inmate - Transfer	1	Trespass	39
Juvenile	53	Trouble With Subject	408
K9 - Assist	13	Test - Test CAD call	0
Key Run	0	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	110
Kidnapping	1	Unknown Injury / Accident	34
Larceny	504	Unwanted Person	196
Liquor Law Violations	3	Unwanted Trouble/Unknown Trouble	131
Lock Out	22	Utility / Wires Down	81
Malicious Destruction of Property	154	Vehicle ID Check	25
Medical Assist	3,936	Visual/Vacation Property Check	58
Missing Person	43	Warrant Arrest	65
Motorist Assist	224	Weapon Violation	22
Neighbor Complaint	96	Welfare Check	975

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 17,211 *

*Call-for-service numbers include any agency who took action within the Township borders. Ingham 911 dispatch was unable to filter out other agencies.

Offenses in 2021			
Abandoned Vehicles	185	Kidnap	1
Alarm Response	545	K9 Search/Training	21
Animal Cruelty	2	Larceny	381
Arson	7	Liquor Law/Violations	3
Assault	241	Medical First Responder	124
Building Code Violation	0	Miscellaneous Non-Criminal Offense	280
Burglary	64	Motor Vehicle Theft	68
Commercialized Sex/Prostitution	1	Murder	0
Conservation	3	Negligent Homicide/Manslaughter	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	64	Obscenity	9
Damage to Property	117	Obstructing Justice	239
Disorderly Conduct	10	Obstructing Police	42
Dog Complaints	0	Ordinance Violation	8
Embezzlement	12	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	69
Extortion	5	Peeping Tom	1
Family Abuse / Neglect / Other	43	Public Peace Other	45
Fire Assist	8	Retail Fraud	230
Fireworks	0	Robbery	10
Forgery / Counterfeiting	15	School Threat	5
Fraud	232	Sex Offense (Other)	11
Health and Safety	21	Stolen Property	13
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	6	Threat to Burn/Bomb	0
Immigration	0	Traffic Civil	995
Incapacitated / Mental Health	150	Traffic Criminal	268
Intimidation / Stalking	91	Trespass	107
Investigation / Inspection (Non-Criminal)	170	Violation of Controlled Substance	19
Invasion of Privacy (other)	1	Weapons Offense	25
Juvenile Offenses / Runaway	40		
TOTAL OFFENSES REPORTED: 5,008			
<i>*Some written reports have multiple offenses</i>			

Crash investigations in Meridian Township totaled 786 in 2021. This was an increase of 198 from the previous year. Crashes are classified as personal injury, property damage (no injuries) and hit and run crashes. There were 116 crashes with injured occupants, 666 crashes with no injuries and 4 fatal accidents.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

The Meridian Township Police Department views traffic safety as an important key to keeping the community safe. The Department works with the Ingham County Road Commission and the State Highway Department to address road design related concerns. Officers take enforcement in areas identified as directed patrols based on complaints from citizens. A speed trailer and speed signs are used to complete traffic studies regarding speed-related safety concerns and traffic counts, as well as educate motorists, and can be deployed in locations identified by citizens as areas of concern. This year we completed 39 directed patrols and 19 traffic surveys.

Due to COVID restrictions the number of car seat inspections was lower than previous years as nine (9) car seat inspections were completed, two of those inspections identified faulty seats that needed to be replaced.

TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM

Traffic crashes involving fatal or potentially fatal injuries require investigators with specialized training and equipment. Area law enforcement agencies have committed personnel to the Ingham Regional Crash Investigation Team (IRCIT). On-duty team members are called to assist participating agencies with potentially fatal crash investigations. This effort has increased the experience of the investigators while reducing overtime costs for the Departments. In 2021 the Department requested the regional crash investigation team four (4) times, while providing assistance on six (6) instances outside of the Township.

Meridian Township Deer Involved Collision Data			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2018	2	125	127
2019	3	150	153
2020	5	157	162
2021	4	125	129

VOLUNTEERS

We are thankful that we were able to have our Halloween open house this year. To limit the amount of people in the building at one time, our volunteer was able to greet the visitors, check them in, and keep them spread out until they could enjoy the open house. We are still looking to find additional volunteers to assist with our parking program.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS

Community Policing is the cornerstone of all our actions and interactions. From the first day of employment until the day they retire, officers are assigned to specific neighborhoods to participate in community activities, communicate directly with citizens, and form relationships, so that our community trusts and understands our Department.

Our largest community event is National Night Out which is an annual event to promote community partnerships with law enforcement and take a stand against crime. Officers visit nearly 30 neighborhoods that have gatherings to promote safety throughout the community. The 2021 event was a large success as communities sought to come together after a difficult year.

National Faith & Blue Weekend is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect, trust and understanding. Law enforcement entities and faith-based groups are key pillars of a local community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive. The Department worked with several local faith based organizations to have small gatherings during the event weekend.

ADULT CROSSING GUARDS

The Department hires, trains, and manages the six adult school crossing guards for the six schools in the township. The guards are supervised by the School Resource Officers.

CANINE SUMMARY

In 2021, the Department maintained one K9 Team, Ofc. Anderson and K9 Ares, that is trained in article searches, area searches, building searches, narcotics detection and tracking. Surrounding Departments request or provide mutual aid from K9 Teams when they either do not have one on-duty or do not have one at their Department. Ofc. Anderson and K9 Ares completed 455.5 hours of monthly maintenance training as well as certifying nationally through the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers (NAPCH) at the yearly seminar.



2021 Canine Team Activity Numbers	
Calls Handled By Meridian's Canine Team	25
Calls Handled By Other Departments	11
Call Outs To Other Departments	14
Total Calls For Service	50
Activity Type	
Ingham Regional SRT	0
Article Search	7
Area Search	1
Building Search	5
Narcotics Search	19
School Sweeps (OHS/HHS/ELHS)	0
Tracking	25
Demonstrations	3
Other Use	0
Total	60

*A canine call may include more than one activity type.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Ingham Regional Special Response Team (IRSRT) is comprised of personnel from the Ingham County Sheriff's Department, East Lansing Police Department, MSU Police Department, and Meridian Township Police Department. The team is called upon by agencies when a tactical team is needed to respond. Meridian Township commits three officers and one sergeant to the team. Meridian Township Officers received 444 hours of regular monthly training and 224 hours of annual training. This totals 668 hours of yearly training. IRSRT had eight activations in 2021.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT

The School and Community Resource Unit is comprised of two officers who work with the Haslett and Okemos Public Schools. The officers provide a number of services to the schools in an effort to provide a safe environment for children to learn. The officers also assist with a number of community events. Unfortunately, no classes were held in 2021, but the officers still visited schools when allowed to.

The officers participated in “No Senior without Christmas” event. This is a Tri-County TRIAD program. There were 400 holiday baskets distributed to the tri-county elderly residents. Meridian Township delivered 28 of those.

Meridian Township held their “Shop with a Cop” event in 2021. The officers worked with school counselors and 9 area students participated. The officers worked in conjunction with Walmart, Jets Pizza in Haslett, the Haslett Okemos Rotary Foundation, and the Patrol Officer’s Union.

SERVICES DIVISION

The Services Division is comprised of the Investigations Unit, the Records Unit, Court Services, the Evidence Unit, the Cadet Program, and the Recruiting Team. The Services Division is responsible for all police investigations, records management functions, hiring and recruiting of new officers, property and evidence management, services at the front desk, and the MLEAC Accreditation process.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Investigations Unit is overseen by the Services Division Commander. The Investigations Sergeant handles the day-to-day activities of the unit. The unit generally consists of a sergeant, four investigators, and a Court Services Officer (CSO). Personnel are selected to serve in the unit for a three-year term. Extensions may be granted to the investigators based on experience within the unit and the needs of the department.

Investigators are assigned criminal complaints including but not limited to homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, child abuse, home invasions, embezzlements, larcenies, and death investigations. Cases are considered closed when a suspect has been identified and the prosecutor has reviewed the case and recommended charges, or all investigative options have been exhausted. Crimes against persons are given greater priority than crimes against property.

The table below shows the Investigations Unit assigned a total of 279 complaints in 2021.

Complaints Assigned Per Year	
2018	467
2019	504
2020	351
2021	279

The table below lists the types of offenses investigated. The number of complaints is lower than the number of “offenses” because a single complaint may include more than one crime or offense.

Crime	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide	0	1	0	0
Kidnap	2	1	0	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	88	83	54	50
Robbery	7	7	1	6
Assault/Stalking	25	18	13	17
Arson	1	2	0	3
Extortion	0	2	7	2
Burglary	65	57	55	39
Larceny	94	113	56	47
Unlawful Driving Away Auto	18	10	4	10
Forgery	2	16	15	1
Fraud	78	94	71	52
Embezzlement	4	3	2	1
Stolen Property	9	9	8	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	8	9	7	3
Retail Fraud	14	8	13	4
Drugs	7	2	5	2
Sex Offenses	0	0	3	2
Obscene Material	8	13	11	5
Child Abuse	3	6	10	10
Liquor Law Violation	0	0	0	0
Obstructing Police	0	0	2	0
Obstructing Justice	0	1	0	0
Weapons Offense	4	1	4	3
Public Peace	3	2	1	3
Hit & Run Accident	1	0	1	0
Health and Safety	3	1	0	0
Invasion of Privacy	0	2	1	1
Conservation	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Runaway	2	2	1	4
Traffic Offenses	1	0	0	2
Juvenile Violation	3	2	1	1
Civil Custody	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Situations	16	27	32	26
General Assist	2	4	3	1
Death Investigations	50	43	43	43
Missing Persons	1	4	3	3
TOTAL	519	543	427	341

In 2021, the Investigations Unit continued to investigate 72 offenses from 2020, 279 offenses were assigned, 143 were cleared, 90 were inactivated, and 56 will continue to be investigated in 2022.

2021 Complaint Dispositions	
Continued from 2020	72
Assigned in 2021	279
Cleared in 2021	143
Inactivated in 2021	90
Continued in 2022	56

When an investigation is completed and reviewed for charges, the Investigator is responsible for forwarding the warrant request to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office (ICPO). In 2021, the Investigators submitted 121 requests for warrants and petitions to the ICPO.

Investigations, Warrant Requests & Petitions for 2021			
	Felony	Misdemeanor	Totals
Requested	103	18	121
Issued	21	4	25
Denied	38	10	48
Diversion	1	0	1
Status Pending	43	4	47

A total of \$40,761 worth of stolen property was recovered in 2021. The majority of the recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

Noteworthy investigations for 2021 include:

- A home invasion report was taken by patrol and latent prints were discovered at the scene. A suspect was able to be identified through the prints and charges were issued.
- A sexual assault was reported that had occurred years earlier. Through investigative interviews a confession was obtained. The case was referred to the ICPO for prosecution.

COURT SERVICES

The Court Services Officer is responsible for tracking and processing criminal complaints and submitting them to the Ingham County Prosecutors Office or Township Attorney for warrant requests and juvenile petitions. The CSO is also responsible for the registration and address verification of sex offenders in the township.

COURT SERVICES	2018	2019	2020	2021
Subpoenas Served	832	692	729	328
Personal Protection Orders	38	41	43	40
Warrant Requests	605	614	581	787
Warrants Signed by CSO	429	378	362	251
Twp. Attorney Requests	188	144	113	93
Total Petition Requests	134	102	39	50
Retail Fraud Requests	332	234	190	145
OWI Requests	66	62	61	69

Assault Requests	48	42	47	127
Assault Requests-Domestic	175	180	151	138
Larceny/Fraud Requests	95	82	70	48
Narcotics Requests	75	20	10	16

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is led by the records unit supervisor who is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the unit. The Records Unit consists of a supervisor, a full-time technician, and a part-time technician. Their duties include but are not limited to preparing criminal reports for prosecution, reporting crimes to the state, organization of all police records, and FOIA requests. The unit compiles statistics from a variety of databases and provides the information to department staff, the Township Manager, and the Township Board. Background checks, handgun registration, copies of traffic crash and police reports can be obtained through the Records Unit.

Annual Crime Reporting Summary	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2020-2021
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	1	0	-100%
Rape and Attempted Rape	58	70	51	62	22%
Robbery	15	12	12	10	-17%
Aggravated Assault	35	37	39	35	-10%
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	114	120	103	107	4%
Burglary	115	96	88	64	-27%
Larceny	864	935	749	611	-18%
Vehicle Theft	21	52	44	56	27%
Arson	3	4	0	6	600%
Total Part 1 Property Crime	1,000	1,106	881	737	-16%
Total Part 1 Offenses	1,114	1,226	984	844	-14%
OWI Arrests (Liquor or Drugs)	72	63	53	69	30%
Traffic Accident – Roadway	916	847	588	785	34%

TRAINING

Under the direction of the Chief of Police, the Training Sergeant oversees all training for the Department. The Department provided employees with 4,610 hours of training in 2021. It included some of the following:

- In-Service: 1,741 hours (this includes cultural competency, de-escalation training, mental health/PRT training)
- External: 2,337 hours
- Firearms: 312 hours

The in-service training program consists of monthly training for all sworn employees, periodic roll call videos, policy tests, quarterly firearms sessions, and computer based instruction. The external training program utilizes universities and private experts to handle specialized training outside the scope of the Department trainers. The Department strives to remain at the forefront of progressive policing by acknowledging the importance of both continuing education to retain current skills and the acquisition of new knowledge for officers to expand their skill base.

ACCREDITATION

In February 2020, the Department became the first police agency in mid-Michigan to gain full accreditation status from the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (MLEAC). Accreditation is a progressive and time-proven way of assisting law enforcement to improve performance and service to the community. It is a voluntary adoption of the best practices in law enforcement and requires a constant evaluation of the professional objectives set forth by the MLEAC. Accreditation status acknowledges the implementation of conceptually sound written directives, policies, procedures, and training.

The department is assessed every three years by the MLEAC and must prove compliance with the standards each year. The next on-site assessment will take place at the end of 2022.

MID-MICHIGAN POLICE ACADEMY

The Services Division Commander acts as a coordinator for the Mid-Michigan Police Academy which is hosted by Lansing Community College. As a coordinator, the Services Division Commander works closely with the recruits in training and career development. The coordinator also has the unique position of monitoring the recruit's progress and identifying potential candidates for employment at MTPD.

In 2021, MTPD sponsored two recruits through the 108th session of the Mid-Michigan Police Academy. Megan and Maggie Cole were serving MTPD as police cadets and were given sponsorships. Both graduated and are currently assigned to the Patrol Division as officers.

23rd CITIZENS' ACADEMY

The Department hosted a ten-week Citizens' Academy that meets once a week for three hours in the fall. This academy exposes the attendees to police operations and procedures. We were able to hold one this year! The department initially had 16 enrollees and graduated 11. We received great feedback and look forward to holding it again next year.

15th YOUTH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

The Department hosts a seven-week Youth Academy that meets once a week for two hours in the spring. The students learn about police work while being able to experience hands-on activities. The Department did not host a Youth Academy in 2021 due to the COVID19 pandemic.

PROPERTY ROOM REPORT

The Quartermaster maintains the property room. Activity involving the property room in 2021 included:

- 1,868 items entered as evidence.
- 470.58 pounds of narcotics incinerated from the Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box.
- 45 firearms sent to the Michigan State Police for destruction.

The Department processed 190 abandoned vehicles in 2021.

CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

A total of 1,200 citizen satisfaction surveys were mailed to victims and complainants involved in traffic accidents and other calls for service in Meridian and Williamstown Township. Surveys are used as a tool to monitor customer satisfaction with the Department's services. In 2021, a total of 241 surveys were returned. The 20% response rate was decreased as compared to 2020.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey for Sworn Personnel

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	97%
Friendliness	98%
Knowledge	96%
Quality of Service	96%
Professional Conduct	96%
Response Time	95%

Rating of Emergency and Non-Emergency Dispatch Service (Ingham 911 Dispatch)

Category	Rating of Excellent/Good
Helpfulness	78%
Friendliness	78%
Knowledge	78%
Quality of Service	78%
Professional Conduct	79%

**Not all questions generated a response.*

CITIZEN SERVICE COMPLAINT SUMMARY

The Department investigated five formal citizen service complaints during 2021. The following is a summary of the findings.

- 1 Sustained – Sufficient evidence exists to support the allegation and further action will be taken.
- 2 Not Sustained – Insufficient evidence exists to either support or disproves the allegation.
- 2 Exonerated – The incident occurred but was lawful or proper.
- 0 Unfounded – The alleged actions or events did not in fact occur.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Department is committed to having an online presence using Facebook and Twitter. The Department has solved crimes that would most likely have remained unresolved without the teamwork of the Department and residents made possible through social media. Numerous retail fraud suspects have been identified by posting security footage.

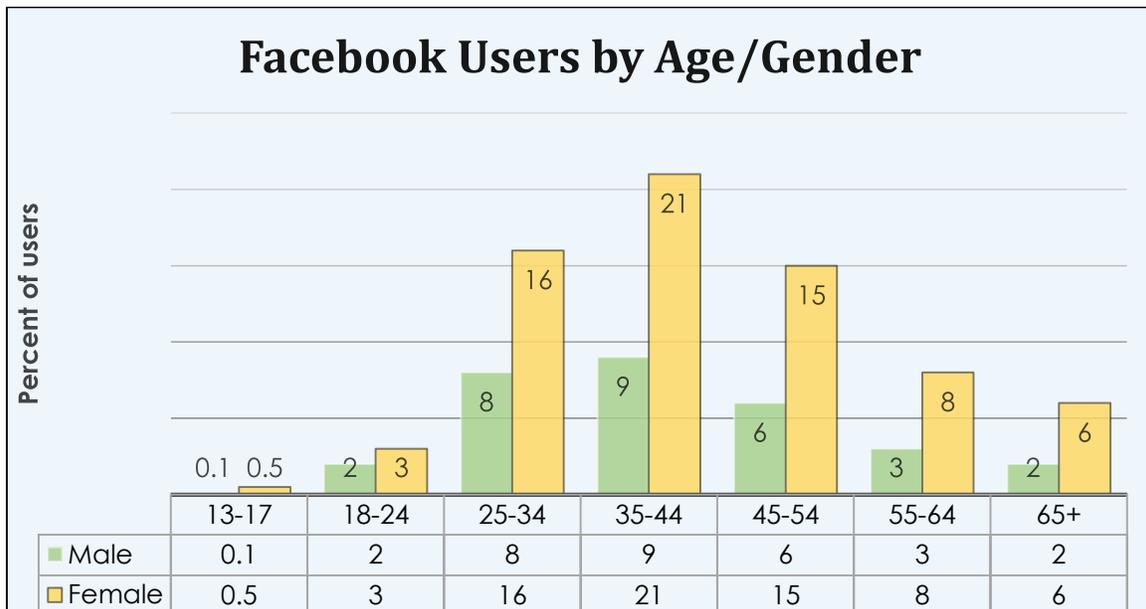
EVERBRIDGE ALERTS

The Department partners with Everbridge Alerts, to keep residents safe and informed with quick and reliable emergency notifications and public service announcements. To better serve the residents of Ingham County, police, fire and EMS agencies have joined together to utilize one platform for community messaging. It is called the Capital Area Ingham County Alert System. Residents are encouraged to register to receive the alerts:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736727116#/signup>

FACEBOOK and TWITTER

Facebook offers the greatest return on time invested. The 9,343 people who “Like” our page is a slight decrease from 2020. Facebook has been helpful in many areas including the identification of suspects, distributing traffic alerts and the posting of wanted persons. The Department also uses its Facebook platform to engage the community in discussions. There are 2,496 individuals who follow the Department’s Twitter page.



POLICE DEPARTMENT 2021 GOAL BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In conjunction with the Township Board and Township Manager, the Department establishes goals to help in the delivery of law enforcement services. Many of our goal accomplishments and other activities are listed as follows.

Maintain accreditation and meet newly added standards through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission while preparing for our 2022 onsite assessment.

Though no new standards were introduced this year, it is anticipated that the use of force standard will be updated with the best practices in law enforcement. In anticipation of this change, MTPD updated our Use of Force General Order to reflect the best practices as set forth by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The department continues to prepare for our on-site evaluation, which will occur in December of 2022.

Work diligently toward full staffing (41) and provide opportunities that promote employee retention.

Since December of 2020, the Department has hired six officers. Four of these officers were former MTPD cadets and three were sponsored by the Township through the Mid-Michigan Police Academy. New committees have been formed including a social media committee, a uniform committee, and a health and wellness committee with the goal of incentivizing officers to stay at the Department. A retention committee was also formed that will meet regularly to discuss ideas on how to retain employees. The Department is currently staffed with 36 sworn officers. There are three qualified candidates currently in the hiring process.

Continue collective efforts to foster an environment that is welcoming, diverse and inclusive.

Of the ten most recently hired officers, six are female. Conditional offers have been extended and accepted by three officer candidates. One is a white female, one is a black male, and one is a white male. Two of these candidates meet the requirements to be sponsored by the Township through the Mid-Michigan Police Academy in January 2022. Two police cadet candidates have passed the background investigation and will be hired by MTPD in November. One is a black female and the other is a white male. All MTPD officers attended a three-hour training on implicit bias in June of 2021. Officer Megan Klein was assigned to the investigations unit.

Prepare staff for succession due to retirements or promotions through training and mentoring.

- Sergeant Andrew Tobias and Sergeant Brian Canen attended MSU School of Criminal Justice First Line Supervision in September.
- Sergeant Chris Lofton graduated from the MSU School of Criminal Justice School of Staff and Command.
- Lieutenant Rick Grillo was promoted to Captain and Sergeant. Bart Crane was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Officer Mike Hagbom was promoted to Sergeant.
- Officers Ian Mandernack and Lorenzo Velasquez were trained as Field Training Officers.

Assist the Parks Department with the deer management efforts to reduce property damage and traffic crashes.

In 2021, the Meridian Township Police Department participated in a deer cull during the months of January and February. During that time, 150 deer were harvested. The cull led to a five year low in traffic crashes involving deer. The number of crashes involving deer on average from 2015-2019 was 114 (2020 was not used as a comparable due to the reduced traffic pattern). The number of crashes involving deer in 2021 was 106, a 7% reduction.

Implement new technology to improve our ability to operate remotely during an emergency or pandemic situation.

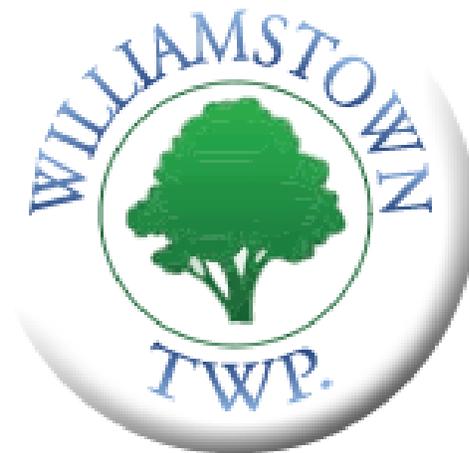
MTPD was awarded over \$20,000 through the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant. Through grant funding, web cameras were added to most desktop computers throughout the department. Laptop computers were purchased for the employees in the records unit as well as the investigations unit. These laptops allowed for work to be completed remotely. LogMeIn licenses were purchased for the records unit, the administrative assistant, and the investigations unit allowing them to access their computers remotely.

Work toward implementation of the new countywide public safety radio networks to enhance communications and operations.

- All patrol cars have been outfitted with the new radio system.
- All officers have been issued new radios and have received training in their use.
- Special radio equipment has been purchased for use by our motorcycle units and members of our Special Response Team.
- New radio system allows for encryption when transmitting sensitive information and for use statewide when traveling outside of our jurisdictional boundary.
- The radio system has gone active countywide and is being used by all public safety providers for emergency services.

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
POLICE**

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
POLICE SERVICES**



**2021
ANNUAL REPORT**

**Williamstown Township
Police Services
2021 Annual Report**

The Meridian Township Police Department provides law enforcement services to Williamstown Township. The 2019-2021 contract arranges for Williamstown Township to compensate Meridian Township \$234,316.00 for calendar year 2021 and \$58.41 per hour outside of the 80 hours of weekly patrol for emergency and non-emergency responses.

Williamstown Township Statistics				
	2018	2019	2020	2021
Written Reports	384	323	285	280
Calls for Service	1769	1451	1304	1506
Calls for Service (excluding traffic stops)	1239	1038	1043	1143
Arrests	20	17	8	12
Citations Issued	101	170	115	95
Total Number of Charges	120	204	132	111

Written Reports				
	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alarms	61	52	31	29
Traffic Crashes	116	107	102	105
All Other	207	164	152	146
Total	384	323	285	280

Williamstown Township Deer Involved Collision Data			
Year	Injury Involved	No Injury Involved	Total
2018	2	66	68
2019	0	65	65
2020	2	64	66
2021	1	70	71

Calls for Service As Received from Dispatch			
911 Hang Up	7	Neighbor	6
Abandoned Vehicle	10	Noise	10
Admin	12	Obscene	0
Alarm	66	Officer Initiated Warrant	2
Animal Call	37	Ordinance Violation	3
Arson	0	Operating While Intoxicated	3
Assault	0	OUID	0
Assist	0	Parking Complaint	4
Attempt to Locate	10	Party	0
Attempt Warrant Pickup	0	Peace	2
Bar Check	0	Personal Injury Accident	21
Break In - Burglary	2	Personal Protection Order	1
Canine Assist	0	Pickup Property	2
Check Area	0	Police Assist	8
Check Subject	0	Private Property Accident	3
Check Vehicle	0	Property Check	0
Child Abuse	1	Property Damage Accident	89
Civil	6	Prowler	1
Community Meeting	0	Reckless Driving	36
Criminal Sexual Conduct	0	Repossession	3
Deliver Message/Death Notification	0	Robbery	0
DOA	2	Runaway	4
Dog	23	School Walk Through	0
Domestic	3	Security Check	23
Driving While License Suspended	0	Shots	6
Drugs	0	Sex Offender Registration Violation	0
Drunk/Intoxicated	1	Special Assignment	4
Family/Neglect	0	Stalking	0
Fight	7	Subpoena Service	4
Fire Assist	44	Suicide	0
Fireworks	5	Suspicious Situation/Person/Vehicle	68
Follow-up	36	Text - Request Message	20
Foot Patrol	0	Threat	9
Fraud	28	Traffic Control	3
General / Non-Criminal	0	Traffic Hazard	59
Governor's Orders	0	Traffic Stop	363
Harassment	7	Train	0
Hazard/Road	0	Transport	0
Hit and Run	7	Trash / Littering Complaint	1
Juvenile	3	Trespass	2
Larceny	25	Trouble With Subject	16
Liquor Law Inspection/Violation	0	Unlawfully Driving Away An Automobile	1
Lockout	1	Unknown Injury / Accident	6
Lost Property	0	Unknown Trouble	5
Malicious Destruction	7	Unwanted Person	1
Medical Assist	274	Utility / Wires Down	24
Mental	1	Vehicle Impound	0
Minor In Possession	0	VIN Check	0
Missing Person	4	Warrant Arrest/Attempt	3

Motorist Assist	15	Weapon Violation	0
Natural Death	0	Welfare Check	46
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1,506 *			

*Call-for-service numbers include any agency who took action within the Township borders. Ingham 911 dispatch was unable to filter out other agencies.

Offenses in 2021			
Alarm Response	29	Juvenile/Runaway	2
Animal Complaint	0	K9 Search/Training	1
Animal Cruelty	0	Larceny	16
Arson	0	Liquor Violations	0
Assault	5	Littering	0
Assist Other Agency	0	Medical First Responder	8
Burglary	6	Miscellaneous Non-Traffic-Offense	16
City Ordinance	2	Missing Person	0
Conservation	0	Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Contributing to the Delinquency of Minor	0	Natural Death	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Noise	0
Damage to Property	6	Obscene Materials	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	Obstructing Justice	5
Embezzlement	2	Obstructing Police	2
Extortion	0	OUI of Liquor of Drugs	5
Family Abuse/Neglect/Other	1	Public Peace	1
Fraud	22	Sex Offender/Fail to Comply	0
Harassing Communication	0	Suicide	0
Health and Safety	5	Traffic Civil	11 3
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle Accident	0	Traffic Criminal	11
Incapacitated/Mental Health	3	Trespass	3
Indecent Exposure	0	Violation of a Controlled Substance	1
Intimidation/Stalking	6	Weapons Offense	1
Investigation/Inspection (Non-Criminal)	7		
Total Offenses Reported 280			
<i>*Written reports may have multiple offenses</i>			

**Williamstown Township
2021 Annual Crime Reporting Summary
Part 1 Offenses and OUIL/OUID Arrests & Traffic Accidents**

Part 1 Offenses:	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2020-2021
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0%
Rape and Attempted Rape	1	2	2	1	-50%
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0%
Aggravated Assault	4	2	3	1	-67%
Total Part 1 Violent Crime	5	4	5	2	-60%
Burglary	8	5	3	6	100%
Larceny	14	9	8	17	113%
Vehicle Theft	1	0	1	0	-100%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0%

Total Part 1 Property Crime	23	14	12	23	92%
Total Part 1 Offenses	28	18	17	25	47%
OUIL / OUID	5	5	5	5	0%
Traffic Accidents	101	107	103	105	2%

A total of 103 traffic crashes were investigated in 2020. Of those, 15 crashes involved personal injury to people and 88 crashes resulted in property damage without any injuries.

Investigations Unit

During 2021, 0 cases were continued from the previous year, 14 reports were assigned, 6 reports were cleared, 8 reports were inactivated, and no reports will continue to be investigated in 2022. The victims of crimes that lack any investigative leads are notified by letter that the case is not being investigated; however, the case may be reopened if new information develops.

2021 Report Dispositions	
Assigned	14
Cleared	6
Inactivated	8
Continued in 2022	0

The following chart shows the types and individual number of offenses that occurred in Williamstown Township and were investigated by Meridian Township Investigators.

Offenses	2021
Fraud	6
Child Neglect	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Embezzlement	1
Family Trouble	2
Identity Theft	2
Larceny - From Automobile	1
Total Offenses Investigated	14